

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE****DOCKETS NO. [2021-88-E](#) ORDER NO. 2021-116-H****SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Standing Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION: Docket No. 2021-88-E: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's 2021 Avoided Cost Proceeding Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Following notice to all parties of record, a Status Conference was held at the request of Counsel for the Public Service Commission on September 10, 2021, to address certain procedural and administrative matters that developed following the start of the formal hearing in this Docket.

There are two procedural and administrative issues of concern by the Commission Clerk's Office are related to the August 23, 2021 Motion of Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association (CCEBA) which was granted by the Chairman. These matters are: (1) the reservation and notice of potential additional hearing dates due to additional testimony by the parties of record, their respective counsel, and any witnesses, as well as their related availability to the same, and (2) a prefiling deadline for the filing of Supplemental Surrebuttal Testimony of Witness Ed Burgess related to Amended/Revised Testimony of Witness David.

The parties participated in the Status Conference: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (DESC) (attorneys K. Chad Burgess, Tracey C. Green, and Mitchell Willoughby); CCEBA (attorneys Richard L. Whitt and John D. Burns); Pine Gate Renewables, LLC (attorneys Richard L. Whitt and J. Blanding Holman, IV); Johnson Development Associates (JDA) (attorney Courtney E. Walsh); Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) (attorneys Christopher M. Huber and Alexander W. Knowles); and South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (CCL/SACE) (attorneys Kate Lee Mixson and Emma C. Clancy).

STANDING HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

Due to a bench ruling of the Commission Chairman on Monday, August 23, 2021 related to the Motion of counsel for CCEBA during the course of the formal hearing, the three (3) hearing dates of October 11th, 12th, and 13th previously scheduled and noticed by Directive

Orders No. 2021-520 and 2021-565 for “Testimony and Cross-Examination of the Consultant and Presentation of Parties’ Responsive Testimony” could not contemplate additional hearing time related to the added supplemental surrebuttal testimony of witness Ed Burgess, and the additional cross examination of witness Peter David related to his amended/revised rebuttal testimony as addressed in CCEBA’s Motion and related arguments by interested parties on August 23, 2021. There is concern from the Clerk’s Office that additional hearing time may be needed by the Commission, and that such time should be set aside in this Docket sooner than later in case needed. It is noted by the Hearing Office that the proceeding in DN 2021-88-E is subject to a statutory deadline for decision by the Commission which cannot be altered.

In the Status Conference, the parties advised of their respective availability and consent to the reservation of the following as additional hearing dates for themselves, parties, and witnesses: (a) October 14th, beginning at 2:00 p.m.; (b) October 18, 2021, and (c) October 19, 2021. The parties agreed to also make their respective or potential witnesses aware of, and available on, these additional hearing dates as well. Additionally, the parties were also advised and notified by the Hearing Officer that there may be a possible need by the Commission to release October 12th as a hearing date; however, it is likely that such may not be known until closer to October 12th or actually sometime on October 11th or prior to when hearing adjournment for the day. There was no objection related to October 12th or its possible future change.

The second procedural and administrative issue discussed was an actual pre-filing date for the Supplemental Surrebuttal Testimony of CCEBA Witness Burgess to the Amended/Revised Testimony of DESC Witness David. This procedural issue shall be addressed separately by Standing Hearing Officer Directive or Commission Order.

In light of the above concerning additional hearing time and possible hearing date change, the Hearing Officer adds October 14th beginning at 2:00 p.m., October 18, 2021, and October 19, 2021, both at the call of the presiding officer, as additional dates and times for the continuation of the formal hearing as needed in Docket No. 2021-88-E. The Clerk shall make adjustment to the Commission’s calendar accordingly to reserve these dates for hearing in Docket No. 2021-88-E. Additionally, the Hearing Officer directs that the parties shall be notified as soon as practical concerning any change related to the use and reservation of October 12th as a hearing date in this matter and which may not be known until October 11th.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission. Nothing herein shall prohibit or prevent any additional changes as needed in the hearing schedule of this matter including, but not limited to, additional dates and times or changes. This ends the Hearing Officer’s Directive.